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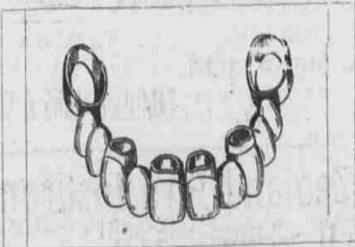
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BULLETS FLYING THICKER NOW IN SOUTH AFRICA

The Transvaal Soldiers Are Intent Upon Destroying Railroads.

THEY BATTLE AGAINST ARMORED CARS

Germany Active in Aiding Boers—Landing Ammunition for Them at Entrance of Suez Canal—German Officers Enlisting

KIMBERLEY, Oct. 17.—An armored train, while reconnoitering near Spytfontein, engaged the Boers, killing five and wounding seven. The British had no losses.

From Colesburg come persistent reiterated reports that the Boers have attacked Mafeking, being thrice repulsed with heavy losses. Smallpox has broken out here among natives from Johannesburg. Eight cases have been discovered.

LONDON, Oct. 17.—The crew of the armored train say that Boers fired 13 shells but their aim was wretched and not a single shot struck the train which then made bold to approach nearer and opened fire with Maxims.

The Burghers replied with heavy rifles, again shooting wildly. Only three or four bullets struck the train.

Subsequently the crew learned that five Boers and two Boer horses were killed, while several Boers and horses were wounded. Not a member of the British force was so much as touched.

LONDON, Oct. 17.—A special dispatch from Pretoria dated October 14, via Delagoa bay says:

A cyclist dispatch was received from Ootshoep near Malmant at 6 o'clock this evening asserting that heavy fighting has been in progress all day long north of Mafeking.

British troops on board an armored train acted as a covering force for engineers engaged in repairing the track. A Maxim on the train kept up a continuous fire.

Conspicuous bravery was displayed on both sides, but it soon became apparent that the rifles of the burghers were ineffective against the armored train. Latter, however, it was once forced to retreat before a particularly strong assault but it soon returned accompanied by a British mounted contingent and fighting was renewed fiercely.

Fighting still continues, the Boers holding their positions well. A dozen Boers were killed or wounded but the British casualties cannot be ascertained.

Heavy firing can be heard south of Mafeking where General Cronje's Commando is operating. A big engagement is expected shortly in the vicinity of Ladysmith.

LONDON, Oct. 18.—No further reliable news from Mafeking has been received. Dr. Leyds, plenipotentiary of South African republic to European governments, is said to be going to Berlin shortly to confer with political personages.

Advices from Durban announce that the consul of the Netherlands there has issued a warning to all subjects; the Netherlands is to remain neutral.

The Hopetown bridge over the Orange river, which Cape Town advices today said had been blown up by the British, is not a railway bridge as before reported, but a bridge 12 miles west of the railway over which the old coaching road passes.

A special dispatch from Pretoria says the Boers destroyed the Bechuanaland railway during Friday night from Lobatal to Arvogelkop.

The Standard's Dundee correspondent

At the same time, it must be remembered that much news from the Transvaal is likely to come by way of Delagoa bay, as most other channels are strictly censored.

SITUATION AT DUNDEE.

Boers Are Getting Close to British Cavalry Position.

LADYSMITH, NATAL, Oct. 17.—The threatened assault upon Glencoe is believed to be feint in the hope of weakening the garrison here and exposing the towns on the westward. The Boers are resting, preparatory to completing their encircling movement for an attack upon Dundee. They cannot advance much further without coming into contact with British cavalry, who screen the position. Nevertheless the situation is such that little fighting is expected in the near future in this section apart from desultory outpost skirmishes. All the women and children have left Dundee.

TRANSVAAL VERSION.

British Retreated Once—Boers Were Disappointed in Reinforcements.

PRETORIA, Oct. 17.—(Delayed in transmission.)—Dispatches received by the government say the fighting continues north of Mafeking. The British, after the second engagement, retired in the direction of the town, but they resumed the attack shortly afterwards, two burghers being killed and three wounded. The command engaged was impeded, owing to the want of heavy artillery, which was subsequently obtained from General Cronje.

FIGHTING AT MAFEKING.

Vicinity Seems to Have Been Scene of Many Skirmishes.

PRETORIA, Oct. 18.—(Delayed in transmission.)—Heavy fighting took place this morning north of Mafeking. An armored train sent to repair the railroad line opened fire on the Boer command. One burgher was killed and two more wounded. A second engagement followed in which nine British were wounded. Yesterday while General Cronje's troops were near the broken railway bridge, nine miles north of Mafeking, an approaching train loaded with dynamite was fired upon and blown up. There were no casualties on the Transvaal side.

THE QUEEN'S ADDRESS.

Usual Comment on the Peace of the World Except in Her Own Domain and the Invocation of Deity.

LONDON, Oct. 17.—Parliament opened today in extraordinary session to consider the South African situation. In the speech from the throne, her majesty said:

"My Lords and Gentlemen: Within a very short period after the recent prorogation I am compelled by events deeply affecting my empire to recur to your advice and aid.

"The state of affairs in South Africa has made it expedient that my government should be enabled to strengthen military forces in this country by calling out the reserve. For this purpose, provisions of law render it necessary that parliament should be called together. Except for the difficulties that have been caused by the action of the South African republic, the condition of the world continues to be peaceful.

"Gentlemen of the house of commons, measures will be laid before you for the purpose of providing the expenditure which has been or may be caused by events in South Africa. Estimates for the ensuing year will be submitted to you in due course.

"My lords and gentlemen, there are many subjects of domestic interest to which your attention will be invited at a later season, when the season of labors for the parliamentary session has been reached. For the present, I have invited your attendance in order to ask you to deal with the exceptional exigency, and I pray that, in performing the duties before you, you may have the guidance and blessing of Almighty God."

Both houses assembled in the chamber of peers at 2 o'clock, the queen's speech being read by the commission. Immediately after the reading, the

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SHAMROCK'S MISFORTUNE CAUSES MUCH SYMPATHY

Cries of Consternation Followed the Mishap From the Deck of the Erin.

SIR THOMAS' MANLY FORTITUDE

He says he Lost the Race Fairly Under Conditions of the Contest and has no Complaints of any Sort to Make.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—When it became known that the Shamrock's topmast had been broken there came cries of consternation and dismay from all parts of the yacht Erin.

Sir Thomas, on the bridge never flinched nor changed countenance. To a gentleman who expressed sympathy, Sir Thomas replied: "It's too bad, that's true, but it cannot be helped. We must make the best of it." When asked if he blamed any one for the accident he replied: "Oh, no, indeed it could not be avoided, I am sure. We will fix her up and try it again." "When I saw her topmast go," he added "I experienced such a shock as I never felt in all my life before."

"Under the conditions governing the contest we have lost this race as fairly as if we had gone over the course without a mishap, and the other boat had finished first."

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—The topmast race, towing back to anchorage after he had cleared away the wreckage. The Columbia continued over the course alone placing to her credit the second of the races for America's cup. It is unfortunate that the defender should have been the beneficiary of the accident as there is little glory in beating a cripple but the rule is ironclad. If crippled before the start, time for re-

Hogarth immediately abandoned the
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